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alia which also include restoration of drinking water supply system in rural areas during natural calamities, a sum of Rs. 67.58 crores and Rs. 35.00 crores, respectively, have been released to Madhya Pradesh.

Similarly, during the year 2000-2001, for rural drinking water supply, under ARWSP, a sum of Rs. 15.80 crores has been released to Chhattisgarh. Under Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), which has five sectors, namely primary health, primary education, shelter, rural drinking water and nutrition, a sum of Rs. 31.40 crores has been allocated to newly created Chhattisgarh State. As per provision, a minimum 15% of the total allocation of the PMGY is earmarked for each sector and out of remaining 25%, the State is free to allocate among five sectors as per its priority. Further, during 2000-2001, a sum of Rs. 20.60 crores under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and Rs. 40.00 crores under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) have been released to Chhattisgarh.

Keeping in view the prevailing scarcity of drinking water in rural areas due to deficient rainfall during last monsoon in eight States, which also include, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, the priorities fixed in the guidelines relating to ARWSP and PMGY—Rural Drinking Water have been relaxed to the extent that the funds under ARWSP and PMGY—Rural Drinking Water could also be utilised for activities relating to repair, rejuvenation, renovation, restoration and replacement of existing rural drinking water schemes in areas affected by scarcity of drinking water in these States.

Criteria for Rural Roads Scheme

† 1305. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government for Rural Roads Scheme announced by Prime Minister;

(b) the name of the agency which is going to undertake construction work under the scheme; and

(c) the manner in which Government have ensured by participation of Members of Parliament in the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) envisages connecting all Habitations with a population of over 1000 persons through

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good, All-weather roads by the year 2003 and those with a population of more than 500 persons, by the year 2007, depending on availability of funds.

(b) The State Governments have been requested to identify one or two Executing Agencies for undertaking construction work under PMGSY. The agencies identified by the State Governments are indicated in Statement (See below).

(c) Para 3.4 of the PMGSY Guidelines stipulates that the District Rural Roads Plan would be approved in the Governing Body of the respective DRDA, taking into account the views and suggestions of the local Members of Parliament and Members of State Assembly.

Statement

Executing Agencies Identified by the States/UTs

S.No.	States	Executing Agency
1	2	3
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	Panchayati Raj Engg. Department
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	PWD/RWD
3	ASSAM	Public Works Department
4	BIHAR	Rural Engineering Organisation
5	GUJARAT	Roads & Building Department
6	HARYANA	Public Works Department
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	Public Works Department
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	RD (Engg. Wing)/PWD
9	KARNATAKA	RD & Karnataka Land Army Corporation
10	KERALA	Engg. Wing under Local Self Govt.
11	MADHYA PRADESH	MP Rural Roads Development Authority
12	MAHARASHTRA	Public Works Department
13	MIZORAM	Public Works Department
14	NAGALAND	Roads & Bridges Department
15	ORISSA	Rural Development Department
16	PUNJAB	PWD(P&R)
17	RAJASTHAN	Public Works Department
18	TAMIL NADU	RD (Engg. Wing)
19	UTTAR PRADESH	PWD/RES
20	WEST BENGAL	Zilla Parishad
21	A. & N. ISLANDS	PWD & PR Institutions
22	PONDICHERRY	Local Administration Deptt.